

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 1, please change the title to "ELONGATED ILLUMINATION DEVICE".

At page 61, lines 2-7, please replace the abstract with

--An elongated illumination device, which in one illustrative embodiment, includes an elongated member that receives an elongated light source, where the elongated member is received by an elongated carrier. Preferably, the elongated member includes a cavity for receiving the elongated light source, and further includes a slit through the elongated member and into the cavity where the elongated light source can be inserted through the slit and into the cavity. The elongated carrier may include a slot for receiving the elongated member, and in some embodiments, the slot may provide a closing force to the slit of the elongated member. A latching mechanism may also be provided to help keep the slit in a closed or substantially closed position, if desired.--